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Dear Veronica

**Briefing from the Education and Training Inspectorate**

The Committee for Education would like to express its thanks to the Education and Training Inspectorate for its informative briefing on 16 October 2013 as part of the Committee's Inquiry into the Education and Training Inspectorate and the School Improvement process.

The Committee agreed to request the following additional information from the Education and Training Inspectorate including:

- an update on a school which was placed in the Formal Intervention Process in May 2013;
- information on the area based inspection undertaken across West Belfast in 2009, now being taken forward by the West Belfast Partnership Board;
- recent case studies of schools where practical advice from the Education and Training Inspectorate following an inspection has led to school improvement;
- a copy of the most recent evaluation of the ETI conducted by the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA); and
- information on the number of schools which will potentially be affected following the implementation of the proposed revisions to the Formal Intervention Process.

The Committee also agreed to write to the Department to seek a briefing on the consultation on proposed revisions to the Formal Intervention Process. As

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is the usual practice, the Committee anticipates that the Department will seek feedback from the Committee on this issue before a final decision is taken.

A response by 1 November 2013 would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter McCallion', written in a cursive style.

**Peter McCallion**  
**Committee Clerk**